GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SHARING OF WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Water Resources Council has constituted a working group to formulate the guidelines in regard to sharing of river water in the country;

(b) if so, the composition thereof alongwith the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to the Government by the working group; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to conserve rain water in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Council in its Fourth Meeting held on7th July 2000, decided to constitute a working group headed by Union Minister of Water Resources for harmonizing views of all the State Governments and bringing a consensual draft for the consideration of the Council at its next meeting. The Working Group consists of Ministers of all the States/UTs, claired by Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources. The time by which the report is to be submitted by the Working Group has not been prescribed.

(c) To harness the available water resources and augment water supplies, about 3600 large dams and reservoirs and 250 barrages have been constructed with a total live storage capacity of about 177 BCM. An additional live storage capacity of 75 BCMwill be created on completion of the dams, which are under various stages of construction. Proposals to take up additional dams to create a live storage of 132 BCM are also under formulation/consideration. Governmento f India i s also promoting Rainwater Harvesting through Watershed Management Programme, Artificial Recharge of Ground Water and Roof-top Rainwater Harvesting for which technical and financial assistance is provided to the State Governments and other implementing agencies.